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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

IN THE MATTER OF

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSED  
CHAPTER 13 PLANS

GENERAL ORDER NO. 00-087

ORDER AND NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS

We are hereby adopting the procedure for confirmation of proposed chapter 13 plans implemented by Chief Judge Carlo in cases filed on/or after September 11, 2000.

We hereby ordered the Clerk to notify the procedure together with this order to all members of the Bar, the U.S. and Chapter 13 Trustees and the general public. We take this step because it helps to establish a uniform procedure promoting efficiency in the confirmation process.

SO ORDERED.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, on September 1, 2000.

cc: USAC Personnel  
Ch 13 Trustees  
U.S. Trustee  
P.R. Bankruptcy Bar  
P.R. Federal Bar  
Bankruptcy Board

*Sara de Jesus*  
SARA DE JESUS  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

**GUIDELINES FOR CONFIRMATION  
OF PLANS IN CHAPTER 13 CASES**

The following Guidelines, implemented pursuant to General Order 00-08 (SEK), shall govern the confirmation of plans in Chapter 13 cases assigned to Judge Sara de Jesus for cases filed on September 11, 2000 and thereafter.

1. Objections to the confirmation of a Chapter 13 plan shall be filed with the Court and served on the debtor, debtor's attorney and the trustee at least five (5) business days prior to the date set for the meeting of creditors called pursuant to §341 (a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Objections not filed within the aforementioned time period may be presented at the 341 meeting.
2. If no objections to confirmation are filed at least five (5) business days prior to or at the 341 meeting, a confirmation hearing will be notified by the Chapter 13 Trustee at the 341 meeting.
3. At the 341 meeting, the meeting may be continued by the Chapter 13 trustee without written notice to creditors. If no objections to confirmation are filed at least five (5) business days prior to or at the continued 341 meeting, a confirmation hearing will be notified by the Chapter 13 Trustee at the continued 341 meeting.
4. If objections are filed or anticipated at a 341 meeting, the confirmation hearing will be held on a date to be notified by the Chapter 13 Trustee. A written notice of this date will be sent to all creditors and parties in interest. If, however, the objections filed or anticipated do not pertain to the proposed treatment of secured creditors and/or the proposed treatment of priority claimants, a hearing on partial confirmation may be held on the date notified by the Chapter 13 Trustee at the 341 meeting or continued 341 meeting, which may result in a Partial Confirmation Order, which will authorize the Chapter 13 Trustee to begin disbursements to secured creditors and/or priority claimants prior to the confirmation of a plan in its entirety.
5. If a plan is partially confirmed or confirmed following 341 meeting, the Partial Confirmation Order or Order of Confirmation will be entered in the Court's case filed and noticed only to the Chapter 13 Trustee, the debtor, and the debtor's attorney.
6. These Guidelines specifically contemplate that Chapter 13 plans may be partially confirmed or confirmed and disbursements made by the Chapter 13 Trustee prior to the expiration of the period to file both non-governmental and governmental claims.
7. In order to adequately protect the rights of creditors filing claims after the confirmation of a plan, disbursements by the Chapter 13 Trustee, prior to the expiration of the period to file claims, shall only be made to creditors holding secured claims and creditors holding claims entitled to priority.